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Reply to Office Action of May 14, 2003

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are currently pending in this application. In the Office Action mailed May 14, 2003, Claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 251 as being based upon a defective declaration. A new declaration signed by the inventors has been submitted and is believed to satisfy the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.175 and 35 U.S.C. § 251. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 251 be withdrawn.

Early and favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner feel that a telephone or personal interview may facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the number indicated below.

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